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In re the Application of : Confirmation No. 2715
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Application No. 10/586,215 : Examiner: Faye Francis
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For a Patent for a :
MILL FOR SEASONINGS, IN PARTICULAR,
FOR MOIST GUERANDE SALT (AS AMENDED) : October 30, 2009

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

This paper is being filed to advise the U.S. Patent Office of information which may be considered "material to patentability" in examining this patent application, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement, filed in this matter on October 10, 2006, advised the U.S. Patent Office of an earlier-filed International Application, No. PCT/FR2004/001896, which has been assigned the U.S. Patent Application No. 10/565,457.

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A further Office Action has issued for U.S. Patent Application No. 10/565,457, and the following documents are cited in the issued Office Action:

U.S. Patents

7,048,216 (Ng) - Issued: May 23, 2006

3,168,256 (Bounds et al.) - Issued: February 2, 1965

3,124,313 (Kraus) - Issued: March 10, 1964

Copies of the above-listed U.S. patent documents have not been enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement in view of the elimination of this requirement from 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) (See, Section 609.04(a), Part II(D) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure).

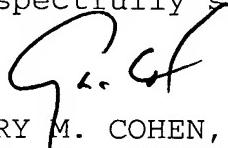
Due consideration of the foregoing documents is respectfully requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a)(2). It is further respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of the above-listed documents by initialing the PTO-1449 form (1) which is enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement and which lists the foregoing documents, and by providing applicant with an initialed copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form to confirm consideration of the listed documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) because neither a final action, a notice of allowance nor an action that otherwise

closes prosecution has been mailed in connection with this patent application. The fee (\$180.00) set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is submitted herewith.

Corresponding action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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